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Township officials study neo-traditional developments in Maryland

Is it really possible to build a brand-new community that has the look, feel, and scale of a traditional one? How does a so-called "neo-traditional" community really work? And how have they done it in Maryland?

With the Township's own 10-year comprehensive planning process about to take off, Cranberry officials wanted to know. To help find out, a busload of Township Supervisors, staff, and Planning Commission members headed south on March 7 to inspect two innovative developments outside the Washington area.

One of them, a community called Kentlands in Gaithersburg, Montgomery County, is a widely-acclaimed example of neo-traditional town development. Built on farmland in the 1990s, Kentlands includes residential housing in a range of prices as well as a new town center.

Bowie, a community of 50,000 in Prince Georges County, is the site of a new retail center created by Simon Properties, a major developer who is also active in the Cranberry area. Using a town center concept, the facility recreates the feel of a traditional small-town shopping district, with stores, theatres, and restaurants linked by outdoor sidewalks.

The site visits, according to Cranberry Township Assistant Manager Dan Santoro, were designed to provide local officials with an up-close and personal look at examples of smart growth – development concepts which could help to inform its own long-range planning process, which kicks off later this year.

Local Government Day Set

TALK TRASH WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT!

On Local Government Day, Cranberry will again feature the various departments which provide so much for the safety and recreational needs of residents. The activities of the Public Works and Public Safety Departments will be emphasized, along with Parks & Recreation and the new Cranberry Highlands Golf Course.

Many new activities have been planned. The Streets and Properties Department will demonstrate how traffic signals work, and the Cranberry Ambulance Service will conduct blood pressure checks. In addition, the Police Department will be producing child identifications, with the Public Works Department presenting a special "Talking Trash" forum. Mark your calendar and participate in all the new demonstrations!

Saturday, April 26, 2003, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Park Station Fire Hall, Route 19

Tax discount period ends May 1

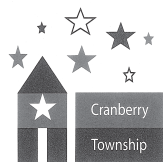
The 2003 Butler County/Cranberry Township real estate tax notices were mailed March 1 and can be paid at a two percent discount until April 30. After May 1, taxes can be paid at face value until June 30. The current millage rate is the same as last year; 24.50 mills for county and 12.75 mills for the Township. There was no tax increase this year!

Any 2002 Butler County/Cranberry Township/Seneca Valley real estate taxes that were not paid by December 31, 2002 are now due to the Butler County Tax Claim Bureau.

Our own tax office will remain open on a full-time basis, including Monday evenings and Fridays. The hours of operation are Mondays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Fridays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, the office will be open Saturday April 26, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., which is the last Saturday of the discount period. Appointments are always available. The office is located in the Municipal Center on Rochester Road, in the front hallway, by the other elected officials and the Chamber of Commerce.

Please stop in or mail payments to P.J. Lynd T/C, 2525 Rochester Road, Suite 402, Cranberry Township PA 16066. If you change your mortgage company or are no longer using an escrow account to pay your property taxes, please contact the tax collector's office via email lyndpj@twp.cranberry.pa.us, by phone at 724-776-1103, or by fax at 724-776-3011.

Show your community spirit on Community Day, July 4



Preparations are well underway for Cranberry Township's 27th Annual Community Day event this Fourth of July – and you can be a featured player. Community Day relies heavily on civic organizations, local businesses and volunteers for its success.

Planned activities include children's games, all-star baseball and softball, rides for little kids, a petting zoo, product and service demonstrations by local businesses, and concerts featuring a variety of musical entertainment, as well as food, information booths, and an outstanding fireworks show produced by the world-famous Zambelli Group.

Here's how you, your company, or your civic organization can make this premier event an even greater success:

- Sponsor a featured activity. Check the Township's website or stop in at the Township's Parks and Recreation Department in the Municipal Center for a complete list.
- Sponsor a booth. Demonstrate your product. Market your crafts. Pass out informational brochures. Recruit volunteers. Sell food. Make an impression.
- Serve as a volunteer. Help guide traffic and assist the thousands of visitors we expect on Community Day. You don't have to commit to working the whole day, or even half a day – any amount of time would be helpful.

The Cranberry Township Community Day Committee meets monthly and welcomes your involvement. For more details, contact Co-Chair Cindy Marzock at 724-776-9126 or cmarzock@connecttime.net. Or call the Cranberry Township Parks & Recreation office at 724-776-4806, ext. 1128. ●

EARNED INCOME TAX

Sit down with the tax man!

Berkheimer Associates is Cranberry Township's official Earned Income Tax Collector. They can give you free advice in completing your local tax return, but like every taxpayer, you will be responsible for completing and signing your own return. Berkheimer will be in the Cranberry Township Municipal Center Council Chambers and will be available for tax sitting on the following Saturday mornings between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.:

April 5, 2003
 April 26, 2003
 July 26, 2003
 October 25, 2003
 January 24, 2004

How to tell a real Township Sewer/Water technician from an imposter

Back in February, someone pretending to be a Township Sewer and Water employee talked a Cranberry lady into letting him get inside her home. He came to her door, told her he was checking her water connection, and then got her to go to the basement with him while his accomplice slipped into the upstairs of the house.

In that particular case, the lady was lucky; no one was hurt, and there was no immediate report of theft. But the practice of gaining entry into a home by deception is both dangerous and illegal. And in the case of Cranberry Township employees, there are some things you should know to keep it from happening to you.

1. Ask to see the worker's employee identification card. All Township Sewer and Water employees carry an I.D. card which they will produce upon request. If you don't know the individual, and you are not expecting a Township worker, ask to see his or her card.

2. Call the Township to verify. Every I.D. card carries the phone number of the Township Customer Service desk. The service desk knows all of the Township employees and keeps records of all service calls that are scheduled. They can verify both the identity and the employee's work schedule. If it is after normal business hours, or the worker fails to produce a satisfactory I.D., call 911.

3. Look at what the worker is wearing. All Township workers have the Cranberry Township emblem permanently sewn or screened onto their shirts, jackets, or both.

4. Look at what they are driving. When they are on official business, all Cranberry Township workers arrive in a truck or SUV with the Cranberry logo on its doors. Township employees normally park their vehicles on the street or in a driveway close to where they are working.

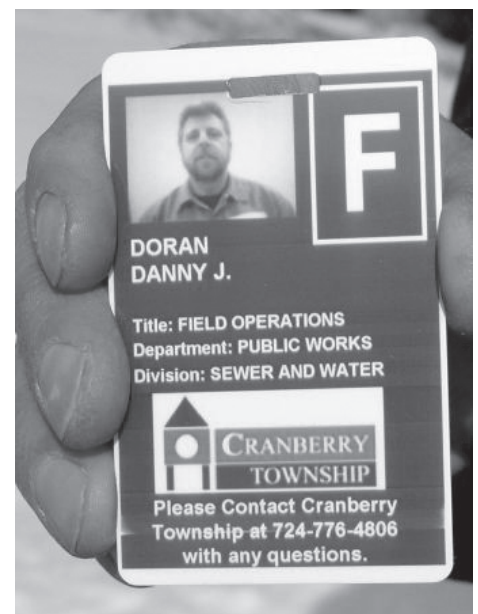
5. Keep in mind that when Township workers need to make house calls, they are instructed to approach the front door of the home – not the side, garage, or back doors. Periodic meter readings which require the reader to come onto your property involve checking only the remote meters mounted outside the building.

6. You should know that standard tests for system leaks, water pressure, and water quality are performed at the hydrants, not inside the private homes, unless specifically requested by the customer.

7. Keep in mind that except for emergencies, almost all contact with Sewer and Water personnel is scheduled ahead of time in response to customer service requests. During normal business hours throughout the year, Cranberry's Sewer and Water staff members are out performing routine exterior maintenance services including flushing, checking, and cleaning the system. If you see any activity involving a Township vehicle that looks suspicious, call us.



Cranberry Township meter reader Dan Doran uses a cordless device to record water consumption from a remote pad mounted on the outside of this customer's house. All Township Sewer & Water employees wear uniforms and carry photo ID cards, as shown below.



Meet employee Rose Hawk



Rose Hawk recalls that she started 16 years ago as an evening clerk in the Cranberry Township Police Department. Her son was six years old at the time and starting school.

The convenient location – just about two minutes from her home at the old Rochester Road offices – was one of the benefits of working for the Township. Much of her job was typing police reports that were handwritten by the police officers.

Her job grew along with the Township and the Police Department. She is currently the office administrator for the Police Department. She has redesigned the office area to meet expanding needs, oversees the Department's clerks and uses her computer skills to keep track of purchase orders, equipment, and police officers' uniform allowances. Cranberry police officers now have their own computers and can complete most of their own reports. Hawk is also involved in the administering of the initial written exam that all applicants to the Police Department must take.

In her spare time, Hawk says she and her husband enjoy traveling, although there has been less time lately – their son has grown up, and has a son of his own, who spends a lot of time with his grandparents.

Thefts from Unlocked Vehicles

The Cranberry Township police continue to receive reports of individuals entering unlocked vehicles and removing valuables. In 2002, there were more than 85 reports of vehicles entered. In January and February of 2003, 20 thefts from vehicles occurred despite the cold, snowy weather. In the early morning hours of Sunday, February 2, 2003, seven vehicles were entered in the Freedom Woods housing plan, and on February 19, 2003, six vehicles were entered in neighborhoods bordering Rochester Road. All of the vehicles were unlocked. Items taken included coins, cell phones, credit cards, CDs, and cameras. In the earlier February incident, two vehicles were stolen. Both of these vehicles had the keys in them.

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP POLICE

Take the time

To stop a crime . . .



Theft from vehicles!!

What can you do?

- Lock your car doors and roll up your windows.
- Never leave your car keys in your vehicle.
- Install motion sensor lights or leave porch lights on
- Call 911 immediately if you see suspicious activity.
- Never leave valuables in the vehicle.



●Together Toward Tomorrow●

Cranberry Township Police
Crime Prevention Unit
2525 Rochester Road
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

What a Waste!

PITCH IN WHEN YOU PITCH OUT RECYCLABLES

Cranberry residents generate more than 12,000 tons of waste per year – about 1,000 pounds for every man, woman, and child living in the Township. And that doesn't even count our commercial businesses and institutions, which generate an additional 7,000 tons of waste a year. It's amazing how much we throw away. But we can do something about it. Problem is, not everyone has been willing to do his or her share.

That may be about to change. Cranberry Township is under a mandate by Pennsylvania Act 101 to recycle at least 25 percent of the waste we generate; right now, we recycle less than 10 percent. And our goal is even higher – 35 percent. Our local business community may be showing us the way; some local businesses that filed their required annual recycling reports showed rates as high as 50 percent.

SAVE THE PLANET! HELP US REACH OUR 35 PERCENT GOAL

Reduce your family's garbage by ONE BAG each week. It's easier than you think. Each family uses about 500 cans and 500 glass jars a year that can be recycled. Add to that the plastic soda bottles, milk jugs, detergent containers and newspapers. Make it a habit to rinse out your containers and put them in your recycling bins. You'll be amazed how quickly you can eliminate one bag at a time.

Not only are you doing something to save the planet, you could be saving money on your garbage bill, too. The more you recycle, the less garbage you generate. Many haulers have discount rates for those residents who use only one waste container per week. There is never an additional charge for residential recycling.

RECYCLING IS MANDATORY FOR RESIDENTS, OFFICES, AND BUSINESSES IN CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP

The hauler who collects your waste will also accept the recyclables you place at the curb. Just put out your recycling bin on the same day as your trash collection. If you run a commercial business or institution, your hauler has special rates for recycling containers. Many haulers also offer desk-side containers to make separating recyclables convenient for your employees. They may even be able to help set up your office program.

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CENTER RECYCLES, TOO!

Township officials and employees, as well as other tenants and users of the Municipal Center, are also helping to make recycling a success.

Red recycling bins can now be found throughout the Center. Separate containers are identified for three categories of material: 1) Aluminum and plastic beverage containers; 2) Newspapers and magazines; 3) Cardboard and office paper. Everyone is pitching in.

Materials Designated for Recycling in Butler County

	Aluminum Beverage & Food Containers	Bi-Metal Food Containers	Glass, Clear, Green & Brown	Plastic Milk, Soda & Water	Newsprint	Corrugated Cardboard (nonwaxed)	High Grade Office Paper	Yard Waste
Residents	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Commercial	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

DO YOUR SHARE.

REDUCE YOUR OVERALL GARBAGE BY ONE BAG EACH WEEK.



- When you recycle, you support your community.
- The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection awards grants for the tons of material we recycle.
- These funds will help develop and implement our recycling programs.

Local Red Cross joins in national emergency preparedness

The American Red Cross has unveiled a sweeping new national effort to prepare our country in the event of disaster or national emergency. The Butler County Chapter will join more than 1,000 American Red Cross chapters, Blood Services regions and Armed Forces Emergency Services stations nationwide in working to make the United States safer from disaster through their "Together We Prepare" campaign.

While the scope of the program is national, its focus is on individuals and how every person can help prepare for disaster. The idea is to make homes, neighborhoods and communities safer. The heart of the "Together We Prepare" campaign is five important actions to prepare for disaster: make a plan, build a kit, get trained, volunteer, and give blood. These five actions can help us protect our loved ones and ourselves.

Preparedness and vigilance are the hallmarks of our new national reality. Making our communities safe must be a priority. Planning for disaster is an essential step toward preparedness. Families, businesses and schools – everyone – must know what to do and where to go in the event of a disaster.

To succeed in this campaign, the Red Cross hopes to educate and inspire people to help. Knowing what to do by getting trained and helping others prepare by volunteering is important. There are many needs in Cranberry and no place is disaster-proof. Consider volunteering or giving blood. By caring for one another, a community can overcome anything.

If your family does not have a family disaster plan or disaster kit, please visit www.redcross.org for more information. ●

Fire emergency calls climb in 2002

In 2002, the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company was paged by Butler County 911 Dispatch 571 times. That works out to over one and one half calls a day, every day of the year – an increase of 75 calls over 2001. During July alone, there were more than 70 calls.

Nearly 35 percent of all the alarms were in response to vehicle incidents. That's why a good percentage of the Company's training throughout the year concerns vehicle rescue.

Volunteers trained last year a total of 3,678 hours. Altogether, volunteer hours equaled 13,753. Although the roster varies, there are usually between 40 to 50 active members who account for those hours.

The Company's response time to calls last year averaged 11.3 minutes. The average number of volunteers responding to the calls was 12. Average time on the scene was 54 minutes.

Last year's busiest days were Wednesdays; the slowest days were Mondays. The other five days fell in between. The busiest time of day was 5 p.m., with 8.2 percent of all alarms coming during that hour. Even so, there were alarms reported at every hour of the day and night. So volunteers need to be ready 24 hours a day.

The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company motto is "Sworn to Protect Life and Property." There can never be too many volunteers. If you can devote some time, and want to serve your community, please contact us at 724-776-1196, or e-mail us via the Township web page:

www.cranberrytownship.org/safety/fireco/aboutus.html. ●

Don't hide your hydrant!

Cranberry Township has more than 1,000 fire hydrants located throughout the Township, mostly along local streets. If there's one on your property, make sure it's not hidden by trees, shrubs, or flowers that could make it hard for the Fire Company to find or use the hydrant in an emergency.

You are welcome to plant grass right up to the hydrant, or to surround it with mulch. But keep trees, shrubbery, and flower beds at least five feet away from either side, and leave at least two feet free behind it as well.

The Township checks all of its fire hydrants every year. If, during their annual flushing, Township workers find that your plantings are too close, you will receive a letter notifying you of the obstruction. It will then be your responsibility to clear the area, trim back branches, and otherwise make sure the hydrant is accessible. Failing that, Township crews will clear the area and seed it with grass.

Thanks Fernway!

The Cranberry Fire Police, a function of the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company, extends its thanks to the Fernway Civic Center for their donation this past December. Fernway gave the Fire Police a gift of \$5,000 from the proceeds of one of its functions, for which the officers are very grateful.

The Fire Police are responsible for protecting the scene, the emergency personnel, and the general public, at incident locations. There are always costs associated with the equipment and uniforms needed by the Fire Police, so we thank the Fernway Civic Center for their generous financial assistance.

Veteran New York firefighter recounts 9/11 tragedy

The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company held its annual awards dinner Saturday January 11, 2003, at St. Ferdinand's Church hall.

The program this year involved a social hour, followed by a buffet dinner, the body of the program, and was wrapped up with music and dancing.

This year, the Invocation was given by Stephanie Hensley, a grief counselor from the Cranberry area who has been involved in such tragedies as the Hopewell Township USAir plane crash, and a number of visits to Ground Zero in the days and months after the terrorist attacks on 9/11/2001.

Lieutenant Steve Mormino, of the Fire Department of New York, was the guest speaker. Lieutenant Mormino was lucky enough to not have been one of the first responders to the World Trade Center attacks, but did serve long and hard in the months to follow in the wake of the tragedy. He spoke of those days, as well as the efforts of, and rewards to, being a firefighter.

CTVFC President Chris DeCree opened the ceremonies, and presented to the Volunteers his comments for the year past, and what lies ahead. Chief Mark Nanna followed, and Vice-President Lee Nanna led the awards and recognition.

Thanks and congratulations to all the Company, Brigade, Fire Police, and Ladies Auxiliary officers who served in 2002.

The 2003 Company Officers are: President, Chris DeCree; Vice President, Lee Nanna; Secretary, Steven Dunham; Treasurer, Jim Cole; Directors at Large, Gary Brewer and Dale Gould.

The 2003 Brigade Officers are: Chief, Mark Nanna; Assistant Chief, Todd Rice; First Captain, Jordan Greene; Second Captain, Dan Owens; First Lieutenant, Larry Clutter; Second Lieutenant, Leo Wilson; Rescue Officer, Bill Spiegel.

The 2003 Fire Police Officers are: Captain, Bill Sexton; First Lieutenant, Jim Sines; Second Lieutenant, Jim Robinson.

The 2003 Ladies Auxiliary Officers are: President, Linda Watkins; Vice-President, Lanell Kimmel; Secretary, Carrie Clutter; Treasurer, Mary Lou Lehr.

Chuck Caputy, Vice-Chairperson on the Cranberry Board of Supervisors, administered the Oath of Office to all 2003 Officers.

There are particular, specific, awards given out each year by the Fire Company to its members. For 2002, President Chris DeCree won the Company Member of the Year. Captain Jordan Greene won the Brigade Member of the Year. The Presidents Award went to Treasurer Jim Cole. The Chiefs Award went to Lieutenant Larry Clutter. And, the Award for Most Calls Answered went to 2002 Rescue Officer Dave Piroth.

The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company thanks all the volunteers, their families, and other supporters whose work and contributions strengthened our organization last year.



The 2003 Company Officers are (from left to right): Lee Nanna, Chris DeCree, Steve Dunham, Jim Cole, Gary Brewer, and Dale Gould.

Special thanks

The Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company would like to thank the residents of Winchester Farms, who supplied drinks for the firefighters during the structure fire at 503 Duncan Court on November 23, 2002. Your help was greatly appreciated by the members of the fire companies!

Additionally, the Cranberry Township Volunteer Fire Company would like to thank the CoGos on Route 19 for the refreshments and snacks during the vehicle accident in front of the store on January 7, 2003. The members of the fire company appreciated your help. ●

Hazardous event

In the spring, a young man's thoughts turn to the eternal question: What should I do with old household products such as paint and paint related products, pesticides, pool chemicals, drain cleaners and degreasers? Now there's an answer.

First check the expiration date. If the product is still usable, try giving it away to a friend, neighbor, or local community group who may have a need for it. If the product is not usable or you can't give it away, you can take it to a DEP sponsored Home Hazardous Waste collection event.

Contact the Northwest regional office at 814-332-6848 for future collection dates.

If you must throw the material away before the next collection, you may put it in your regular trash, **PROVIDED:**

1. You have complied with any disposal instructions on the label.
2. There are no free-standing liquids. If water-based, allow the liquid to evaporate. If not water-based, absorb the liquid into vermiculite, cat litter, sawdust or other adsorbent material.
3. Carefully package any residue to prevent leakage while the material is being transported to a disposal facility.
4. You have only a small quantity. Divide larger quantities and dispose of them over several collection periods.

If you would have specific questions regarding a product, contact DEP at 814-332-6848 and ask for the staff member who administers the Household Hazardous Waste Program. ●

Brush Creek Watershed Association really cleans up



What is a watershed association anyway? What does it do? And why should I care?

First of all, a watershed is all of the land that drains to a particular spot. Depending on what spot you choose to look at, a watershed can be the relatively small area that your neighborhood occupies. Move farther downstream and the watershed can be your whole township, even farther downstream and it's all of Western Pennsylvania or all of the Midwest.

There's not a lot that you and I can do to have a significant effect on the Mississippi River, but we can have big impacts on our local watershed. The Brush Creek watershed is a nice size for a group of communities to work on. Brush Creek drains large parts of Marshall and Cranberry and little bits of Pine and Bradford Woods

in its headwaters. It then flows through Daugherty, Jackson, Marion, New Sewickley, and North Sewickley before joining Connoquenessing Creek (which feeds the Beaver River which feeds the Ohio River). Unlike many watersheds, Brush Creek is more developed near its headwaters than near its mouth.

A watershed association is one of the ways we can organize ourselves to look at and to work on things that affect the health of the watershed, the quality of the water, the quality of the areas near the streams, and the quality of our life.

2003 promises to be an interesting year for the Brush Creek Watershed Association. We have obtained an easement along Brush Creek through much of the RIDC park. We are planning a trail along the easement that will connect Knob Park in Marshall with trail developments in Cranberry. We will be working with the Beaver County Conservation District to improve stream bank areas. And we will be doing cleanups at several locations along the stream.

We are currently a small group and your help will have a big impact. If you want to help financially (and we sure could use that), or if you can contribute some of your time, maybe a half day on a project of interest to you or maybe a more continual involvement in making the organization function successfully. Let us know your area of interest and we will keep you advised of opportunities. An informative brochure is also available.

Phone: 724-924-9190 or 724-935-7028 for more information. ●

Major snow event keeps road crews in rotation

When Walter Beighey called the street maintenance crew on Sunday morning, February 16, he knew one thing – a major snow storm was in process. What he didn't know was how many hours, or days, until the snowfall would end.

Beighey, who is Manager of Streets and Properties Maintenance, had been checking weather conditions all weekend, and his crews had already loaded the trucks with salt and anti-skid material in anticipation of the major snow event. At 5:45 a.m. Sunday, he called the Township's street maintenance crew members, who were on their trucks beginning by 6:30 a.m. By 7:30, there was already an inch of snow.

As with any snow fall, each driver is responsible to clear the main roads and treacherous hills in the plans on 12 preset routes as the first priority. Then they go back and treat the roads in the Township's housing plans before clearing the approximately 230 cul de sacs. The Township does not maintain state roads including Route 19, Freedom, Rochester, Glen Eden, and Franklin Roads. That's done by PennDOT. On Township roads, drivers use a mixture of approximately 90 percent salt and 10 percent anti-skid material. However, once there is an inch of snow on the roads, they begin to plow as well.

Because there was no way to determine just how long the snow would continue falling, Beighey called in his 12 drivers and began to rotate crews by afternoon. Golf course employees were called in to help with the rotation.

"The job is to keep the main Township roads and steep hills passable," says Beighey.

At 2 a.m. the next day, Beighey said all 16 drivers were out on all available trucks since it appeared the snow would end by 8 a.m. After the roads were cleared, one driver and truck remained out on the roads to handle any problems.

"One of the biggest problems for the road crews is that there are residents who shovel and blow snow from their sidewalks and driveways onto the streets. This is illegal," Beighey says.

Later that night, road crews were out in force again, when the snow began to accumulate once more.

By the time the snow event was history, Beighey reported that the Public Works department had used 1,100 tons of road salt. Never was Cranberry low on materials, up to 6,500 tons of salt can be stored at the Township's new storage building, and salt and anti-skid material are constantly replenished. ●

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APPROXIMATELY 230
CUL DE SACS. – WALTER
BEIGHEY, PUBLIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT**

Who cares? You'd be surprised

Cranberry Township is teaming up with United Way of Butler County for their 7th Annual Youth Day of Caring on April 26. This event is a model service-learning project that engages young people in meaningful volunteer opportunities throughout Butler County.

The Parks & Recreation Department will be the host of this annual event as we invite volunteers to "Use Your Heart, Love Your Park" by participating in a cleanup of Community Park.

Local organizations interested in participating in this event should contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 724-776-4806, ext. 1120.

Resident Discount Cards – Valuable but Free

Your Cranberry Township Resident Discount Card is your key to savings ranging from 15 to 30 percent on Cranberry Highlands Golf Course fees, Waterpark daily admission, Waterpark membership, and aerobics membership, as well as registration for all the other programs, services, and facility reservations available through the Department of Parks & Recreation.

Resident Discount Cards are free of charge. You can pick yours up during regular business hours at either the Parks & Recreation Front Desk in the Municipal Center, at the Waterpark, or at the golf course offices during their normal operating hours. The application form is basic: name, address, and emergency contact phone numbers. The card is printed in about 30 seconds, including photos for those 13 and older.

To apply, bring along some form of identification with your Cranberry Township address such as your drivers license, magazine or school newsletters addressed to your children at home, report cards, church correspondence, or civic records that connect you and your family members to their Cranberry address.

Your Resident Discount Card will be valid as long as you remain a Township resident. A computer-readable bar code that appears alongside your name will provide instant verification whenever you enter any of the Township recreational facilities.

The Resident Discount Card is one more way Cranberry Township is working to keep its programs accessible, affordable, and accountable to our residents. Look for more exclusive cardholder values which will be introduced in the future.



CRANBERRY TRIVIA: (LET'S TRY AGAIN!)
WHAT IS AN EARLY NAME OF PERRY HIGHWAY?

CALL CAROLE AT BC3 CRANBERRY WITH YOUR ANSWER AND WIN A SMALL PRIZE.

Snow! Cold! Phil saw his shadow! All this will be but a memory in May, when we all plan our summer activities. Here at the Cranberry Center of Butler County Community College, we are already set for our summer courses. Take a look at what we have in store for you!

The **Summer CREDIT Schedule** provides classes during the day or during the evening. Summer courses provide a good way to get ahead in your college career. Also, if you are a student at another college and want to move ahead there – just come in and apply and register. Our class can transfer back to your school. At only \$70 per credit, you can't beat it!!

Cranberry Session I

3 Weeks – May 21 – June 12

MTWRF

9-11:45 a.m.	Intro to Microcomp.
Health Science	General Psych

Cranberry Session II

6 Weeks – June 16 – July 29

MTWRF

9-10:15 a.m.	Speech
Prep English	
10:30-11:45 a.m.	Film Analysis
Prep Algebra	

Cranberry Session III

8 Weeks – June 11 – August 5

TR

6-9:45 p.m.	Drawing
6:30-9:15 p.m.	Basic Accounting
Business Law	
Intro to Microcomp.	Econ -Macro
English I	Intermediate Algebra
Abnormal Psychology	

Cranberry Session IV

10 Weeks – May 21 – July 30

TR

5:30-7:45 p.m.	Environmental Biology
8-9:45 p.m.	Lab
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9-1:15 p.m.	Special Topics in Computing

Non-credit courses are also available. We are offering several computer courses and exercise classes, as well. These courses are listed below.

Our **In-A-Day computer classes** are all on Fridays, from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

6/6 Fundamentals	7/11 Access
6/13 Windows	7/18 Excel
6/20 Word	7/25 Fundamentals

Also, Accounting for Non-Accountants will be on the schedule.

Give us a call or stop in for a listing of what's on for this summer. 724-772-5520.



Cranberry Highlands Golf Rates

**Cart Fees Additional
Effective May 1, 2003**

Weekdays	Daily Fee	Cranberry Residents
18 Holes	\$35.00	\$25.00
Twilight	\$25.00	\$20.00
9 Holes	\$20.00	\$15.00
Senior 18 Holes (55+)	\$25.00	\$20.00
Senior 9 Holes	\$15.00	\$13.00
Jr.18 (18 & under)	\$25.00	\$20.00
Jr. 9 Holes	\$15.00	\$13.00

Weekends/Holidays	Daily Fee	Cranberry Residents
18 Holes	\$45.00	\$35.00
Twilight	\$30.00	\$25.00
9 Holes	\$23.00	\$18.00

* Riding cart rates are per person: \$5.00 for 9 holes; \$10.00 for 18 holes

* Riding carts required Weekends and Holidays before 2 p.m.

*Twilight times will vary based on sunset.

*Tee times may be reserved 7 days in advance.

*Cranberry Residents may reserve tee times 10 days in advance.

GOLF INSTRUCTION AND PRACTICE FACILITY TO BE READY LATER THIS YEAR

Cranberry Township's Board of Supervisors has approved the development of a new golf instruction and practice facility for Cranberry Highlands Golf Course. The facility will include a grass tee, a driving range, and practice sand bunker. A second practice putting green will also be installed near the first tee. Construction will begin in the spring with plans to open the facility before the end of the golf season. The new golf instruction and practice facility will be located near the first hole on Cranberry Highlands Golf Course. Individual golf instruction and group classes will be available from the resident PGA professional once the facility is complete. A schedule of fees for instruction and use of the practice facility will be issued this summer.

RESIDENT GREEN FEE DISCOUNTS

Cranberry residents are eligible for greens fee discounts averaging 15 percent when they present a Resident Discount Card. Resident Discount Cards can now be produced at the clubhouse. Bring along two forms of identification showing your Cranberry Township address, fill out an application, and our staff will take your photo.

CLUBHOUSE NEWS

The Cranberry Highlands Grille Room will be open daily once the golf course is open for regular play. Sandwiches, appetizers and daily specials will be served. The Highlands Banquet Room is available for your next business meeting or special event. Please call for food and beverage packages tailored to fit any occasion.

USGA HANDICAP SERVICE

Cranberry Highlands Golf Course will be offering USGA Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN) service in 2003. The annual fee will be \$25 per person. Register by May 1, 2003 and receive a valuable discount offer for the Cranberry Highlands Grille.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Spring Aerification will occur as soon as the weather conditions allow. It is scheduled to begin by mid-April.
- Fall Aerification will begin on Tuesday September 2, 2003, weather conditions permitting.
- Full Golf Rates will be effective May 1, 2003. Pre-season rates will be in effect after the greens open, prior to May 1.

Contact us: 724-776-7372
For more information please visit us
at: www.cranberryhighlands.com



ON THE INTERNET POWER LIBRARY!

Parents, don't forget about the POWER Library databases for your teen and children's research projects. Your student can access magazine articles online and print full text articles through EBSCO Host and Big Chalk. You can also access pictures for reports from Searchasaurus and SIRS Discover. Just go to our website www.bcfls.org/cranberry and choose "Links." There you will see what your library card can do for you in the comfort of your home.

Library Youth Corner

READING COUNTS

Frannie Savel, Cranberry Public Library youth services librarian, and Sandy Readmiller, Haine School librarian, are working together on Haine "Reading Counts." As the students and parents of Haine Elementary and Middle Schools know, the program involves students reading books and then taking a ten-question test on the book. When the student passes she/he earns points. The classroom teachers keep track of these points. The "Reading Counts" books are marked with "Reading Counts" logo stickers so that students know which books they can be tested on. Cranberry Public Library now has stickers on the same books making more copies available to students. Instead of trying to remember the title, students can browse the shelves and look for the "Reading Counts" logo sticker on the book.

JUNIOR VIDEO LISTS

Home school families will be happy to know we offer two juvenile videotape lists. One contains all of the educational videos in the Juvenile collection. The other list contains junior stories that are on video.

TEEN CRAFT NIGHT

Teen Craft Night is on March 12 from 7 - 8 p.m. Teens can make a string art craft to take home. During the craft there will be food to keep the creative process burning. Please call to register.

KIDS' CHAPTER BOOK CLUBS

Our first **Kids' Chapter Book club for 4-6 graders** was a success! Each child was provided with his/her own copy of the book, "Thieves of Ostia" by Caroline Lawrence. We then made "knucklebones" to play an ancient Roman game to go along with the theme of the book. We also made our own Mancala game to take home. The kids really enjoyed the book and are reading the sequel. The book club will begin again on April 8. Please call to register your child. The next chapter book club is the **Junior Kids' Chapter Book Club for grades 1-3**. This will be held on March 5 – March 26 at 7:30 - 8 p.m. We read a juvenile easy book chapter each week and work on a craft that ties in with the book's theme. Please call to register your child.

STORYTIMES

Infant Family Time is held on Tuesdays 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. from March 4 – March 25. This is for children up to 23 months old, however older siblings are allowed to attend. We sing songs, hear nursery rhymes and stories. No registration is required.

Two-Year-Old Storytime is for two-year-olds and a caregiver. No older or younger siblings may attend due to the developmental stage of a two-year-old. It is held Wednesdays at 7 p.m. March 5 through March 26, and Thursdays at 11 a.m. from March 6 through March 27. No registration is required.

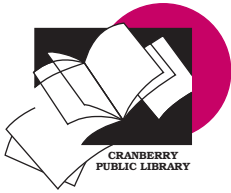
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Be on the lookout for our Summer Reading Program advertisements! The program will begin on June 16 and run through July 25.

Cranberry Public Library

LIBRARY SCULPTURE

At its library board meeting on January 13, 2003, the Cranberry Public Library Board unanimously passed a motion to proceed with a sculpture for the Library Meeting Room. The Board has commissioned local sculptor, Erwin



Witalis, to create the work of art. The completed piece, which is made of Vermont marble, includes a limestone bench and pylon/pedestal. It is highly polished and reflects the light filtered in by the library meeting room curved glass block wall. It is placed in the meeting room to create an area for personal reflection. The artwork is contemporary, showing the vital place that learning, education and information have in this community, and it is made of materials that portray the lasting, eternal nature of libraries. Sculptor Witalis is designing the artistic production here in the Cranberry Township Municipal Center this Spring.

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**"READING IS TO THE MIND WHAT EXERCISE
 IS TO THE BODY." – JOSEPH ADDISON**

YOU'VE GOT THE POWER, NOW USE IT! ACCESS PA POWER LIBRARY

What is the Power Library? It's a collection of databases available through a single Website that Pennsylvanians can access from their local or school library. OR, using your current local library card and the Internet, you can connect anywhere, anytime remote access. It's a one-stop source of information on everything from astrophysics to zebras! Each of the databases on POWER LIBRARY offers credible, easily searched information useful to individuals, businesses and students. Just point your web browser to <http://www.bcfls.org/cranberry>. From there, you'll be asked to enter the bar code from your library card. If you don't have a library card, stop by the Cranberry Public Library to get one.

POWER LIBRARY is for everyone – and you won't have to wade through pages of irrelevant results or deal with annoying pop-up ads!

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Individuals who are unemployed or have had their hours reduced can apply for Unemployment Compensation and file biweekly claims on the Internet or toll-free by telephone:

*www.state.pa.us

PA Keyword: unemployment

*Initial Claims: 1-888-313-7284

TTY access (For people who are deaf or hard of hearing): 1-888-334-4046

*Continued Claims: 1-888-255-4728

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ADULT PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

- March 20 at 7 p.m. History of Allegheny City Fire Department – Mary Woebler, Author/Historian
- March 25 at 7 p.m. Good Nutrition: It is Possible – Dr. Helen O'Hallaron
- March 26 at 7 p.m. When Friendship Hurts (teens welcome) – North Hills Youth Ministry
- April 5 at 10 a.m. Traveling Online computer class – Cranberry Public Library Staff
- April 8 at 7 p.m. Mothers and Daughters, Growing Together: Puberty from 10 to 13 years of Age – Dr. Kasia Sudol, Bellevue Pediatrics
- April 10 at 7 p.m. "Women of Troy Hill" – Clare Ansberry
- April 22 at 7 p.m. Vaccinations – Wayne Scheller, Chiropractor
- April 28 at 11 a.m. Elderhostel – Pam Vingle, Program Manager of Pittsburgh Division
- May 7 at 7 p.m. Women's Health Issue – Allegheny General Hospital
- May 8 at 7 p.m. Civil War Trains – John Lyon, Historian
- May 13 at 7 p.m. Exercise and Diet for Weight Loss – Wayne Scheller
- May 17 at 10 a.m. "What you can do here/what you can do from home" – Cranberry Public Library staff
- May 27 at 7 p.m. Tough Toddlers – Dr. Jim Rodrig, Bellevue Pediatrics

Book Discussion Groups

- Wednesday, March 19 at 10 a.m.
- Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 16 at 10 a.m.
- Monday, May 5 at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 21 at 10 a.m.

All programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are required and can be made at the Circulation Desk or by calling 724-776-9100.

Historical Society elects officers

Recently elected officers of the Cranberry Township Historical Society include: Beverly Magill, President; Joey Hamilton, Vice-President; Helen Dewald, Secretary; and Jane Petty, Treasurer. Board meetings, held the second Tuesday of each month in the Municipal Center at 7 p.m., are open to the public.

The annual membership picnic and program will be held at the one-room schoolhouse on Thursday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Watch for information concerning programming events to take place at the one-room school house during the summer months when we will be open every Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Look for our Booth at the Park on Community Day, July 4!



**ON THE
INTERNET**

The Township has its own Web site. We invite you to check it out for information on Township administration, zoning, and planning, public safety, and more. Here's where to find it – <http://www.cranberrytownship.org>

Township sewer system undergoes colonoscopy, prepares for surgery

Aging sewer lines, like human body parts, deteriorate over time. To monitor their condition, track the damage, and make repairs as needed, the Township has been using a diagnostic procedure familiar to many patients: the miniature camera mounted at the end of a long probe.

Here's what we found: Rain water and ground water have been getting into the sanitary sewer system and using up the Brush Creek plant's sewage treatment capacity, which was designed to treat waste water.

In the past, most of our effort had been directed toward eliminating excess water that came from storm drains, from portions of the sewer lines that were accessible through manholes, or from illegal connections to the system such as downspouts on homes.

We've already made a lot of progress eliminating those causes. Now, we're dealing with the really hard part: buried lines which are cracked or damaged in ways that allow rain and ground water to seep into the sanitary sewer system.

To make sure the Township's sewage treatment system lasts well into the future, Cranberry's Board of Supervisors has launched a new initiative for sewer line repair and maintenance. The plan involves locating damaged sewer lines and identifying repair methods needed to rehabilitate them. Making timely repairs to these lines is a strategy that complements our current requirements for strict inspection of new sewer line installations, for better sewer line construction materials, for regular maintenance of manholes, and for repair of fresh air vents, as well as the removal of illegal connections.

Now, through flow monitoring and camera inspections, we can determine the condition of individual sewer lines and plan for their rehabilitation. At the outset, we have been concentrating on the older lines in our system. We want to determine the structural strength of each sewer line and the amount of water that leaks in. Armed with that information, we can make informed decisions on the most appropriate rehabilitation methods and how much excess water will be removed from the system. By shutting off this unwanted water, we can extend the life of the plant and reduce future capital expenses to increase its capacity. We can also reduce our operating costs by not treating excess water; which should help pay for the rehabilitation work we do.

The Fernway plan of homes will be the first to undergo this process. For the past two years, we have been monitoring flows in this area and camera-inspecting portions of the system, which clearly showed a need for rehabilitation. Current plans call for a pilot rehabilitation program on Sussex Drive. The main sewer lines that lie in the middle of the street will be repaired, and the laterals, the lines serving individual homes, will be replaced to the right-of-way line. After the sewers are repaired, the street will be re-paved.

The rehabilitation initiative will then be carried out through the remainder of the Township. It will ensure that this vital portion of Cranberry Township's infrastructure gets regular checkups and that our sewer lines remain operational and worry-free for years to come.

Annual hydrant flushing schedule set

Cranberry Township will conduct its annual fire hydrant and distribution system flushing program beginning on March 31. The flushing program is a regular maintenance function to flush the water system and check fire hydrant operation.

Flushing will be performed Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.. Please DO NOT phone the Police Department or the 911 Emergency number with any calls regarding the flushing schedule. All

calls should be directed to the Townships Customer Service Center at 724-776-4806.

Discolored water and fluctuations in water pressure are to be expected during flushing. Customers should refrain from using water and doing laundry as much as possible when discolored water is present. If the water does not clear or return to normal pressure within a reasonable time, or if water service is interrupted, customers should notify the Township's Customer Service Center.

2003 FLUSHING SCHEDULE

Week of March 31

Pennwood Place, McKinney Warehouse, Keystone Drive, Commonwealth Drive, Residence Inn, Freedom Road from Commonwealth to Route 19, Old Mars Road between Route 19 and McElroy Drive, Mine Safety Complex, Cranberry Woods, Cranberry Mall, Dutilh Road between Freeport Road and Home Depot, St. Francis Medical Center, Fairfield Inn, Norberry Court, Dutilh Road south of Route 228, Route 19 south of PA Turnpike to Bravos Restaurant, AmeriSuites, Red Roof Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Marguerite Road, Emeryville Drive, Old Mars Road between McElroy Drive and Franklin Road, Cranberry Commons Mall, Grandshire, Spring Meadows, Franklin Road between Old Mars Road and Beacon Hill Drive, Hazelwood

Week of April 7

McElroy Road, Fox Run, Buckingham Trail, Franklin Road, Franklin Ridge, Bristol Creek, St Leonards Woods, Timberline, Peace Street, Peters Road between Franklin Road and Old Farm Road, Old Towne Apartments, Scenic Ridge, Peters Road between Franklin Road and Burke Road, Crystal Springs, Lakeview Estates, Windwood Heights, Rowan Road between Marshall Road and Old Farm Road, La Grande Drive, Rowan School, Leonberg Road, Marshall Road, Geohring Road, Preserve East and West

Week of April 14

Route 19 between Freedom Road and Rochester Road, Cranberry Shoppes, Wal-mart, Cranberry Square, Doyle Equipment, Ogle Station, Boston Market, Jerry's Car Wash, Home Depot, Smith Drive, Wisconsin Ave, Route 19 from Rochester Road north to Township Line (Kenny Ross), Goehring Road from Route 19 to Marshall Road, Butler Auto Auction, Ogleview Road, TRACO, Progress Avenue, Park Road, Ernie Mashuda Drive, North Boundary Road, Cranberry Water Park

Week of April 21

Pinehurst Estates, Ehrman Road, Grace Estates, Garvin Road, Ehrman Farms, Oakview Estates, Unionville Road, Cranberry

Business Park, Winchester Lakes, Winchester Farms, Old Route 19, Settlers Village, Glen Eden Road, Glen Eden Phase 1, Settlers Grove, Antler Ridge

Week of April 28

Glen Eden Phase 2, The Maples, Glenbrook, Glen Eden Townhouses, Manor Creek, Cedarbrook, Freshcorn Road, Glen Eden Road west, Cranberry Heights, Kingsbrook

Week of May 5

Rochester Road from Route 19 to Robinhood Drive, Thomson Park Drive, Executive Drive, Costco, Commerce Park Drive, Cranberry Corporate Center, Hampton Inn, Laurelwood, Sherwood Oaks, Fernway

Week of May 12

Freedom Road at Commonwealth Drive to RIDC Thorn Hill Road, WESCO, Freedom Road RIDC to Parkwood Drive, Parkside Place, Carriage Drive, Kira Circle, Haine School Road, Haine School, Pine Ridge, Rochester Road from Robinhood Drive to Alps Ave, Valleybrook, Deer Run, Sun Valley, Cranbrook, Woodlands Townhouses, Kirkwood Drive, Swift Homes, Woodlands Houses

Week of May 19

Clearbrook, Cranberry Estates, Ashford Manor, Cranberry Pointe, Cranberry West, Rochester Road from Haine School Road to Powell Road, Kimberwicke, Harvest Drive, Holiday Drive, Powell Road from Rochester Road to Blue Ridge Drive, Creekwood Commons, Creekwood, Freedom Woods

Week of May 27

Forest Park, The Crossings, Mystic Pine Trail, Blue Ridge Estates, Berkley Manor, Hampshire Woods, Autumn Hill

Week of June 2

Powell Road between Rochester Road and Glen Eden Road, Highland Village, Havenwood, Hunters Creek, Greenfield Estates, Avery's Field, Woodbine Estates



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Comments or suggestions concerning the newsletter are welcome and may be directed to the Municipal Center.

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Mark these dates!

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE SLATED FOR JUNE 2

The employees of Cranberry Township will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive, open to donors throughout the community, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Monday, June 2 at the Rochester Road Municipal Center. The drive is intended to help relieve the chronic blood shortage affecting our area. To become a donor, you must:

- Be 17 or older
- Weigh at least 105 pounds
- Be in generally good health and feeling well on the day of the drive
- Bring some form of identification
- Eat three to four hours before donating
- Wait at least 56 days between blood donations

Don't worry if you're not able to donate blood; volunteers are needed in several areas: to greet donors on arrival, to escort them from the donation area to the canteen, and to serve donors at the canteen. There are other areas where volunteers can serve as well. For more information on volunteering, contact the Red Cross at 1-800-999-2566.

For more information about the June 2 Cranberry Township blood drive, call 724-776-4806 ext. 1103.

CRANBERRY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Area businesses may want to mark their calendars for the following events scheduled by the Cranberry Area Chamber of Commerce:

- Christine Hughes of the Duquesne University Small Business Development Center will be offering a seminar titled "The First Step: Business Start Up Essentials" on Friday, March 28 from 9:30 a.m. until noon. The location will be Council Chambers in the Cranberry Municipal Building.

- Member Guest Luncheon at Treesdale Golf and Country Club on Friday, April 11 will give members and guests a chance to mingle. If you're thinking about joining the Chamber, you may want to attend this event. The festivities begin with an 11:30 a.m. registration and noon luncheon. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Chamber Office at 724-776-4949.

- Cranberry Highlands Golf Course will be the site of the Annual Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 11. The Chamber is looking for not only golfers, but also sponsors and door prizes. If you are interested in participating, call the Chamber Office at 724-776-4949.

These events offer areas business an opportunity to see how the Chamber works, and we welcome guests who might be interested in joining the Cranberry Area Chamber of Commerce.

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